

READY NOW TO PAY DEBT 35 YEARS OLD

Woman Vowed to Give Pastor What Rockport Church Owed Him.

MINISTER NOW DEAD
Suspenders and Few Collar Buttons Will Settle Bill, Son Says.

W. T. Maupin was a "country preacher" at Rockport, Mo., about 35 years ago. Upon leaving his pastorate, the church owed him \$17 which has never been paid. A good woman of the congregation who took a solemn vow at that time that she would make herself personally responsible for the indebtedness and pay the amount as soon as she felt able to pay, recently wrote a letter to Will Maupin, the minister's son, who is editor of the Gering Midwest, in which she states that she is now able to pay, having put her only son through the University of Missouri. The elder Mr. Maupin died nine years ago.

Mr. Maupin prints the letter in his paper to prove that a few old-fashioned people remain in the world who believe in honesty as the best policy. "Tarkio, Mo., July 22.—Will M. Maupin, Gering, Neb.—Dear Sir: About thirty-five or thirty-six years ago your father preached in Rockport, Mo. When his pastorate was ended and he left, the church still owed him \$17. I was sorry that such a thing should happen, and although I had paid all I had subscribed to his salary, still I felt responsible, and vowed a vow unto the Lord that I would pay that debt myself when the time came that I felt financially able to do so. But time went on, as time has a habit of doing, and my finances were not flourishing, and during all of these years I have not felt able to pay the \$17. My husband died ten years ago and since then I have put my only child through the University of Missouri. He is now twenty-three years old and married and doing for himself. I feel able now to pay that \$17. But I hear that your father has gone to his eternal rest, so I want to pay it to some of the family. I desire that you say just who shall have it. I think also that I have heard that your mother has gone on before. If she is alive of course I want to send it to her. I read once upon a time an article that you wrote in which you said that you hoped that some day you would be able to buy two pairs

of suspenders, one for your every-day trousers and one for your Sunday trousers, so that you would not have to change them so often, and that you might have a bushel of collar buttons, so you could have another when one dropped and rolled under the bureau. That article always struck me as being very funny. Now I've been thinking that if you still need the two pairs of suspenders and the bushel of collar buttons, you can keep the \$17 and buy them. I want to be sure of your address before I send this check. Although I've had this firmly in my mind that some day I would send this \$17 to some of the Maupins, I should probably have neglected it longer but for a sermon I heard last Sunday night. He preached on the text something like this, 'If you vow a vow unto the Lord you must pay it.' He made such a strong plea for paying one's vows that I knew right away that I would attend to this matter right away. It would have been all right if I had not made the vow, but as I did I want to pay it. You probably remember my father, Dr. Richard Buckham of blessed memory. He died many years ago, full of faith and good works and his works do follow him.

"I am living here in Tarkio with my sister, Mrs. Sue A. Thompson. I am sure that you will remember Col. P. A. Thompson and that your father and he were great friends.

"The family sends regards.
"Very sincerely."
Then Maupin comments:
"Elder Maupin was a 'country preacher,' who died nine years ago, leaving no worldly goods, but leaving something worth far more than goods or gold—a good name. He left no debts, and his death cancelled all obligations due him so far as his three children were concerned. The writer of this letter has been notified that if she will send the writer, the oldest living child of W. T. Maupin, a pair of suspenders and a half dozen collar buttons, she may consider her vow fulfilled and the obligation paid. The mere fact that there was among all the congregations that Elder Maupin served without receiving his promised salary, one who is willing to personally assume the obligation, is sufficient for the departed father's children."

SPORT

The Varsity basketball team defeated the freshmen by only one point yesterday afternoon. The score was 23 to 24. At the end of the first half the freshmen were leading. The freshmen showed remarkable teamwork for first-year men. Bunker, center and Bush, guard, made the best showing for the freshmen while the work of Scott and Ruby, forwards, featured the Varsity play. The line up was as follows:

Varsity	Position	Freshmen
Williams	c	Bunker
Ruby	rf	Reeves
Scott	lf	Browning
Whacker	rg	Bush
Browning	lg	Willard

Travis and Forster Picked by Outing.
The January number of Outing places James E. ("Brick") Travis, tackle, and Douglas R. ("Shorty") Forster, fullback, on its honor roll of the fifty most noted football players of the 1919 season.

U. H. S. Has 35 Out For Basketball.

Basketball practice at the University High School started Monday. There were thirty-five men out, fifteen of whom are old men.

"We are practicing now from 10 to 12 o'clock on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings," said E. A. Muench, who directing the play, "but future practice depends upon when we can get the use of Rothwell Gymnasium which will be every night after this week, I think."

The schedule is nearly filled. The dates that have been set thus far are: Moberly, January 30 at Columbia; Columbia, January 21 at the Columbia High School gymnasium; Sedalia February 20 at Sedalia. The team will play Mexico, Booneville, Fulton and Marshall, but the dates for these games have not been arranged.

Colgate Man Learns About Missouri.

That Easterners need educating regarding athletics of the West, is the opinion of Athletic Director W. E. Meanwell of Missouri, who has returned to Columbia from a week with eastern athletic men in New York City.

"We are still in the land of the buffalo and the wild Indian, according to the belief of the men in the East," said Director Meanwell today. "They do not realize that there is such a thing as the Missouri Valley and even when our institutions are explained to them they seem unable to believe we have any real schools out here."

In a conversation with a Colgate man, Director Meanwell mentioned the fact that he was now connected with the University of Missouri. The Colgate man had a hazy notion about the University of Missouri. Doctor Meanwell inquired in return as to how many students attended Colgate.

"We are going to have a good enrollment this year," said the Colgate man. "Nearly six hundred men."

When he learned that Meanwell had nearly that many freshmen in his gymnasium class, the Colgate man was surprised somewhat.

This country needs education regarding the West and its athletics," said Doctor Meanwell today. "They are glad to hear about us out there, but we just haven't made ourselves known. That's what we have to do from now on."

Back to Sane Idea in Walking.

The Varsity freshman and his "date" of tomorrow will not "shimmy" when they walk, as well as when they dance. If Athletic Director W. E. Meanwell of the University of Missouri is correct in his surmise, a new era in physical education—a part or the general awakening in athletic interest over the entire country—will result in compelling the University student to return to the old idea of "heel and toe pedestrianism."

Athletic Director Meanwell, who returned this week from several meetings of different athletic authorities in New York City, says the matter of "heel and toe pedestrianism" was not put in the official records of the meeting, but says there was a sentiment in favor of getting at the bottom of improving physical conditions of Americans in general; that it is quite possible within the next year the matter will be given a place on the regular work of physical education departments in many a big American university.

"Americans have begun to realize, partly because of their successful physical program in the great war," said Dr. Meanwell, "that the man's physical well being is the greatest source of strength, or among the greatest sources a nation can have."

"In the East, basketball courts are being built man-sized. The old fifty-foot court is giving away to the ninety-foot kind that we have had in this section of the country for years. And along with the revival in interest in intercollegiate athletics, comes the interest in proper walking, breathing and the fundamentals of careful living."

"Money offered in that part of the country for physical directors and coaches is surprising. The East is determined to have the best."

Director Meanwell said that while no study of the "heel and toe" walking idea would be made at Missouri as yet, he would bring it the attention of the committee in a report, and that such a thing in the future was not at all improbable.

Increased Interest in College Athletics.

Indications that many additions would be made in the athletic schedules of Valley schools, were brought back to Columbia by Athletic Director W. E. Meanwell who returned here Saturday night. Doctor Meanwell sees a general awakening in interest in physical education all over the United States and says that athletic heads and faculty members of the largest institutions in the United States, in session at the Hotel Astor in New York City last week, voted for an enlargement of the scope of athletic work. Director Meanwell, as Missouri's representative at the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Director Owen of the University of Oklahoma, Dr. A. F. Allen of the University of Kansas, all voted with other athletic heads for an enlargement in athletic programs.

"Boxing, longer basketball schedules on better courts, even a return to the old idea of 'heel and toe pedestrianism' may be the thing at the American University next year," said Director Meanwell. "The thing most interesting to us was the almost unanimous sentiment in favor of a return to boxing. If it is put on our schedules, ten ounce gloves will be used."

and the rules will be modified so as to have 2-minute round and remove the possibility of a knockout. But with that there will be ample opportunity for the best man to prove himself so."

Besides the meeting of the National Athletic Intercollegiate meeting, Doctor Meanwell attended the meeting of the society of Physical Directors of American Colleges, and the meeting of the Athletic Research Society, which is composed chiefly of medical men in physical education work. A general vote against playing freshmen was recorded, according to Doctor Meanwell.

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